

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0034] with the following amended paragraph:

[0034] Namely, each of the base stations independently transmits the transmission power control command, which is determined according to the separately received uplink signal quality information, to the terminal. In doing so, each of the base stations transmits the power control command to the terminal in each time slot. A command value computing unit included in the terminal then computes a command value TPC_{temp_i} using the power control commands transmitted from the respective base stations for predetermined time slots (S32).

Please replace paragraph [0058] with the following amended paragraph:

[0058] As can be seen by Table 1 and Table 2, if the uplink communication quality transmitted to at least one or more base stations is guaranteed despite the transmission power decrease of the terminal in soft handover, the uplink transmission power is lowered. Hence, the transmission power can be lowered as well as the communication quality of a desirable level is maintained, whereby efficient transmission power control can be achieved. Meanwhile, in case of controlling transmission power using the reference value, averaged reception power of the corresponding base station can be controlled by setting up the reference value appropriately to adjust the increase frequency of the transmission power.

Please replace paragraph [0061] with the following amended paragraph:

[0061] As mentioned in the foregoing description, each of the base stations independently transmits the transmission power control command, which is determined according to the separately received uplink signal quality information, to the terminal. In doing so, each of the base stations transmits the power control command to the terminal in each time slot. A command value computing unit included in the terminal then computes a command value TPC_{temp_i} using the power control commands transmitted from the respective base stations for predetermined time slots (S42).

Please replace paragraph [0064] with the following amended paragraph:

[0064] Once the power control command values are computed, it is checked whether there exists 'transmission power decrease (TPC_temp_i= -1)' ~~exists~~ among the command values (S43). If any one of N command values for a plurality of the base stations indicates the 'transmission power decrease (TPC_temp_i= -1)', it is determined to lower the transmission power of the uplink signal (S44). Meanwhile, if the entire power control command values for a plurality of the base stations indicate 'transmission power increase (TPC_temp_i= 1)' only, it is determined to raise the transmission power of the uplink signal (S46). Otherwise, it is determined to maintain the transmission power of the uplink signal (S47). In accordance with a result of the determination, the uplink signal is then transmitted (S48).